



AGRICULTURAL CONVERSION MITIGATION FEE COMMITTEE

Agenda

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 14, 2019
City Hall, City Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008
2:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome new member
Staff Liaison: Nancy Melander
Resident: Joe Brisbois

3. Approval of July 26, 2018 Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE

5. Receive a report on the available fund balance

UPDATE ON GRANTS

6. **AGP 18-01** – Buena Vista Audubon Society
Project: Boardwalk
AGP 18-02 – Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation
Project: Interpretive Signage Master Plan & Sustainable Landscape Exhibit
AGP 18-03 – Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation
Project: Batiquitos Lagoon North Shore Restoration Project Phase 4
AGP 06-12 Batiquitos Lagoon Resiliency Plan

7. Adjourn



Minutes

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- ROLL CALL:** Chair Larson; Committee members Meenes, Alfrey, Alkire, Flock and Smerdu
- ABSENT:** Committee member Greenfield
- STAFF PRESENT:** Associate Planner Drew and Minutes Clerk Brown
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Minutes of the October 26, 2017, was approved (5/1/1 Greenfield absent, Meenes abstained).
3. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**
Associate Planner Drew stated that at the City Council's meeting on February 27, 2018, Council approved the Committee's 2017 recommendations to authorize an amendment to AGP 13-04 – Floral Trade Center Improvements Project. City Council also approved the authorization to solicit and evaluate grant proposals. She noted that City Council removed the \$50,000 grant cap to allow the committee to have full discretion as how to best use the funds available.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Chair Larson opened public comment. There being no one to speak, Chair Larson closed public comment.
5. **AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE:**
Associate Planner Drew provided an update on available funds and interest earned for the Agricultural Conversion Mitigation Fee (ACMF) account.
6. **GRANT PROPOSALS AND PRESENTATIONS:**
Associate Planner Drew stated that all the applications had been deemed complete.
 - A. **AGP 18-01 Buena Vista Audubon Society Project: Construction of a Boardwalk located within the Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve and adjacent to the Buena Vista Lagoon.**
Grant request: \$50,000

Chair Larson introduced the item and Sally Dickerson, volunteer for the Buena Vista Audubon Society, reviewed her PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Planning Division).

Committee member Meenes asked about the material being used and the estimated life span for the boardwalk.

Ms. Dickerson stated that she would have to find out and could get back to the committee with the requested information.

Committee member Flock stated that the boardwalk is being requested for a property that is within the City of Oceanside.

Associate Planner Drew answered that the grant money applies to projects that benefit the residents of Carlsbad. She noted that it is seen as a shared resource for the community of Carlsbad.

Committee member Alfrey asked if the 1.5-foot elevation keeps the area above the level for possible flooding.

Ms. Dickerson stated that the current flooding in that area has been around 7 to 12 inches.

Committee member Flock asked about the Malk Nature Funding of \$25,000.

Ms. Dickerson explained that there is money in a bank account that can be pulled from when necessary. She was unsure on how the money was invested or being held.

Committee member Alkire asked if there was anyone on staff that had experience with applying for permits.

Ms. Dickerson stated that yes, there are plenty of volunteers that have the required experience for this project.

Committee member Alkire asked if the installation costs had been included in the project total.

Ms. Dickerson stated that the installation costs have been included in the project costs.

Chair Larson explained that project funding had been previously used out of the city boundaries but is okay because the projects have benefited the City of Carlsbad.

ACTION:

Motion by Committee member Flock and seconded by Committee member Alkire to recommend approval of AGP 18-01 (Buena Vista Audubon Society Project) grant request in the amount of \$50,000 for the building of a boardwalk along a stretch of trail located within the Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve and adjacent to the Buena Vista Lagoon (6-1 Greenfield absent).

B. AGP 18-02 Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation: Interpretive Signage Master Plan and Sustainable Landscape Exhibit
Grant request: \$50,000

Chair Larson introduced the item and Samantha Richard, COO of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation, reviewed her PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Planning Division).

Committee member Alkire asked if the foundation has done the research to see if there is a demand and/or need for raised garden beds.

Ms. Richard stated that the Carlsbad Garden Club has expressed interest in the beds. The foundation is in the process of starting an Agua Hedionda Garden Club with high school students.

Committee member Alkire asked about the number of signs that would be replaced/purchased.

Ms. Richard explained the costs for the signs. She stated that they would be replacing approximately 10 of the most damaged signs. These signs would be replaced by volunteers so there is not a cost to the budget.

Committee member Meenes asked about the dollar amount for previous city funding that is noted on page 12 of the application.

Ms. Richard explained that there is approximately \$45,000 left in funding. She noted that it is allocated to take care of the entire trail system. She noted that the foundation would continue to fundraise.

Associate Planner Drew stated that the different lagoon foundations have grants for trail maintenance. The foundations usually ask for the entire sum so that they can schedule five-year maintenance programs. She believes that the Agua Hedionda Foundation requested the remaining funding last year.

ACTION:

Motion by Committee member Alfrey and seconded by Committee member Alkire to recommend for approval of AGP 18-02 (Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation) grant requested in the amount of \$50,000 for new or replacement signage at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center and on public access trails and for a sustainable landscape exhibit. (6-1 Greenfield absent)

C. AGP 18-03 Batiguitos Lagoon Foundation: Batiguitos Lagoon North Shore Restoration Project Phase 4

Chair Larson introduced the item and Fred Sandquist, President, gave an update on a previously awarded grant (AGP 06-12 – Batiguitos Monitoring and Management Plan).

Associate Planner Drew explained that when the foundation originally applied for the grant, it was for a Batiguitos Lagoon monitoring and management plan. At that time, there was discussion about the Department of Fish and Wildlife owning the Lagoon and shouldn't they be responsible for paying for that type of plan. The foundation was given approximately \$100,000 in grant money for studies of existing conditions at the lagoon. The foundation could come back later to request additional funding. She noted that the Department Fish and Wildlife did not have the funding for a monitoring and management plan. This led the foundation to come back and request \$100,000 from the awarded funding (not appropriated funding) to do some lagoon data collection. If this awarded funding is not used, it could go back into the general fund for additional grants.

Mr. Sandquist reviewed his PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Planning Division).

Committee member Smerdu asked how the value to cost was figured.

Mr. Sandquist explained the formula for coming up with the total costs.

Committee member Flock asked if the request for \$49,893 is from this grant round or release from previous grants.

Mr. Sandquist answered "yes" from this grant round.

Committee member Alkire asked about a possible cost discrepancy shown on the summary page of the application.

After discussion, Mr. Sandquist stated that he would go back and review the spreadsheet to see how there could be a gap in the totals listed.

Committee member Alfrey asked if plant material was included in the project cost.

Mr. Sandquist stated that the funding would pay for various things, but yes, plant material is included in the cost.

Chair Lawson thanked Mr. Sandquist for his comments in regard to improving the nonprofit application submittal process.

Associate Planner Drew noted that she has made many of the requested changes to the grant application.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Committee member Flock stated that it was interesting that all the grant applications came in requesting \$50,000 which has left funding unspoken for.

Chair Larson stated that he hoped more grant application requests would have been submitted. He closed by saying that there could be a discussion on what to do with the remaining funds at a next meeting.

Associate Planner Drew stated that the funds in the account do collect interest.

ACTION:

Motion by Committee member Meenes and seconded by Committee member Flock to recommend approval of AGP 18-03 (Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation) grant request in the amount of \$49,893 for a fourth phase of a multi-phased program to remove invasive plants and restore project areas with appropriate native trees and plants (6-1 Greenfield absent).

7. DISCUSSION ITEM:

See Items 6A, 6B and 6C above.

8. OTHER ITEM(S): Selection of Vice Chair

By consensus, Committee member Alkire was selected to serve as Vice Chair.

9. ADJOURN:

Chair Larson adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jeanette Brown, Minutes Clerk



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Agenda Item: #5
Subject: Report on Available Fund Balance
Meeting Date: Nov. 14, 2019

As of Sept. 30, 2019, \$760,114 in cash exists within the ACMF account. \$760,114.61 less liabilities of \$66,818 is \$693,296.61 of available cash. \$555,594 has been awarded but not appropriated. The available cash for new projects within the ACMF account is \$137,702.61. The City of Carlsbad, however, is accruing interest income on the total balance within the ACMF account. Interest income deposited into the account as of September 30, 2019 totaled \$3,835.33.

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History of LCP Ag Mitigation Fees (as of 9/30/19)
Fund 171 (Use 1713210 for expenditures)

6/29/1998 Carlsbad Ranch	268,750	
5/17/1999 Shea Homes	87,465	
5/25/1999 Standard Pacific	194,150	
6/4/1999 Return of fees held by CA Coastal Conservatory	2,890,462	see note below
6/21/1999 Bridge Housing Corp	24,500	
8/4/1999 Shea Homes	91,355	
9/28/1999 Fieldstone Communities	102,850	
10/6/1999 Kelly Ranch Corp	84,370	
2/4/2000 WL Homes LLC	263,780	
9/25/2001 Standard Pacific	42,592	
5/31/2002 CMWD (Recycled Water Facility)	102,420	
8/20/2002 Canterina	36,605	
10/22/2002 Aviara Pointe	31,809	
3/14/2003 Standard Pacific (Thompson/Tabata)	454,892	
6/30/2003 De Jong Ag Fee	98,327	
7/2/2003 William and Candace Lynn (CDP01-07)	8,484	
4/26/2004 City of Carlsbad (Recycled Twin D cap proj #38891)	38,975	
12/15/2004 Gemological Institute of America (CDP04044)	30,206	
3/24/2005 Redeemer by the Sea (CT 00-22)	52,325	
4/7/2005 Mayfair Homes (Black Rail Ridge CT 03-13)	27,381	
3/2/2006 Yamamoto (FM040001)	48,600	
1/17/2007 Blackrail (FM030006)	38,100	
6/25/2007 Poinsettia (FM040011)	52,900	
1/4/2011 Hilton Carlsbad (CDP05043)	12,400	
11/14/2011 Muroya (FM060027)	79,000	
1/23/2015 Daybreak Community Church (SDP0006C)	22,600	
9/15/2016 Seascape (FM050018)	50,500	
Total deposits collected	5,235,799	

Interest Earned on Fund 171 since inception	2,883,519
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Expenditures on Fund 171 since inception

Fiscal year 2005/06	(2,316)
Fiscal year 2006/07	(3,216)
Fiscal year 2007/08	(1,310,995)
Fiscal year 2008/09	(224,459)
Fiscal year 2009/10	(689,111)
Fiscal year 2010/11	(47,000)
Fiscal year 2011/12	(600,623)
Fiscal year 2012/13	(1,958,847)
Fiscal year 2013/14	(831,820)
Fiscal year 2014/15	(808,332)
Fiscal year 2015/16	(316,627)
Fiscal year 2016/17	(140,130)
Fiscal year 2017/18	(275,834)
Fiscal year 2018/19	(149,893)
Fiscal year 2019/20 (through 9/30/19)	0

Total Expenditures	(7,359,203)
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Total cash available in Fund 171	760,114
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<p>The city received \$2,890,462 from the CA Coastal Conservancy on 6/4/99. This amount was the balance of the City's LCP account held by the Conservancy.</p>
